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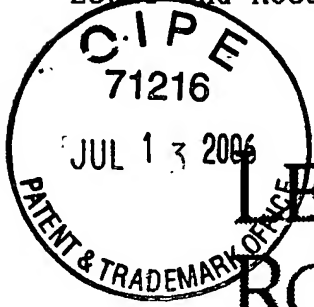
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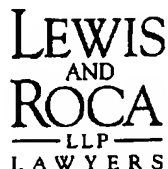
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Re: Utility Patent Application No. 10/796,431, Filed March 9, 2004
Title: Handling Potentially Contaminated Mail
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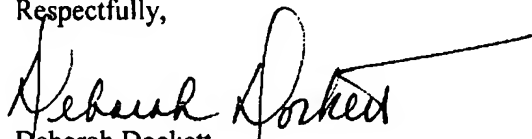
Dear Ms. Dillard:

Enclosed please find a *Power of Attorney and Correspondence Address Indication Form* and a *Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b)* in accordance with the conversations we had earlier this week with regard to the above-referenced patent application. To refresh your memory, if I may, this is a matter where the Power of Attorney had not been timely changed and still bears a former attorney of this firm as the attorney of record. Our firm is authorized to prosecute this application and recently filed an amendment. At this time, this application is pending allowance and we urgently need to have the records reflect the updated Power of Attorney in order to proceed with the prosecution.

I have enclosed the executed documents from our client, United States Postal Service. The Power of Attorney was executed by a properly authorized representative.

Please correct the attorney of record in this matter. We would like to have this matter expedited as soon as possible particularly in view of the pending issuance of this application. If you have any questions or concerns, or need anything else from us, please do not hesitate to contact Lucius Lockwood at 602-262-5355.

Respectfully,


Deborah Dockett
Secretary to Lucius L. Lockwood, Esq.

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cc: Krisanne Jastrzab, USPTO Examiner (w encls., via e-mail)

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| Application Number | 10/796,431 |
| Filing Date | March 9, 2004 |
| First Named Inventor | Avant |
| Title | Handling Potentially Contaminated |
| Art Unit | 1744 |
| Examiner Name | Krisanne Jastrab |
| Attorney Docket Number | 38494-00148D |

I hereby revoke all previous powers of attorney given in the above-identified application.

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☐ Applicant/Inventor.

☒ Assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
 Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96)

SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: Oscar Lee AvantApplication No./Patent No./Control No.: 10/796 431Filed/Issue Date: March 9, 2004Entitled: **HANDLING POTENTIALLY CONTAMINATED MAIL**

United States Postal Service

(Name of Assignee)

a Government Agency

states that it is:

(Type of Assignee: corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

1. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
2. ☐ an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest
(The extent (by percentage) of its ownership interest is _____ %)

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OR

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

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William R. Gilligan, Jr.
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